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PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER COOPERATION WITH BUREAU OF MINES AND

U.S. FIRMS.

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1. TEXTS ARBITER - KOSTIN LETTERS OF DECEMBER 22, 1975 AND
JANUARY 12, 1976 FOLLOW: FOLLOWING OUR DISCUSSIONS IN YOUR
OFFICE CONCERNING SOVIET-U.S. COOPERATION IN THE NON-FERROUS
METALLURGY FIELD, I HAVE TAKEN THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

--1. ADVISED A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICER OF OUR
---- SUGGESTION THAT THREE OR FOUR SOVIET METALLURGISTS
---- ATTEND THE AIME ANNUAL MEETING IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA,
---- PARTICULARLY TO ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM ON COPPER
---- METALLURGY. AS YOU KNOW THERE ARE CERTAIN RESTRICTED
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---- AREAS FOR WHICH SPECIAL PERMISSION IS REQUIRED FOR

---- SOVIET VISITORS AND LAS VEGAS IS ONE OF THESE. WE HAVE,
---- THEREFORE, REQUESTED THAT SUCH PERMISSION BE OBTAINED.
---- MEANWHILE, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE THAT YOU PROVIDE US
---- WITH THE NAMES OF YOUR SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

- 2. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ATTEND THE LAS VEGAS
---- MEETING, WE ARE CORDIALLY INVITING THESE REPRESENTA-
---- TIVES TO VISIT US IN ARIZONA. HERE WE WILL ARRANGE
---- A TOUR OF INSPECTION OF VARIOUS NEW COPPER METALLUR-
---- GICAL FACILITIES SELECTED FROM THE FOLLOWING: ELECTRIC
---- FURNACE WITH HOBOKEN CONVERTERS (INSPIRATION); A
---- SULFIDE ROAST-LEACH-ELECTROWINNING PLANT, ALSO
---- TREATING OXIDE ORE (HECLA); A TAILINGS LEACH PLANT,
---- (MORENCI); THE NEW PHELPS DODGE FLASH SMELTER (NEW
---- MEXICO); THE SAN MANUEL CONCENTRATOR/SMELTER/REFINERY
---- COMPLEX (SAN MANUEL, ARIZONA) AND THE TWIN BUTTES
---- CONCENTRATOR AND OXIDE LEACHING PLANT.

IN ADDITION WE WOULD ARRANGE A ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA SPONSORED BY ARIZONA MINING
COMPANIES AT WHICH A REVIEW OF NEW SOVIET TECHNOLOGY IN
EXTRACTIVE METALLURGY COULD BE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SENT YOU AS
THEY ARE RECEIVED. MEANWHILE WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE
EXCEPTIONALLY CORDIAL WELCOME WE RECEIVED BOTH IN MOSCOW
AND LENINGRAD. NOT ONLY DID WE HAVE MOST VALUABLE DIS-

CUSSIONS OF OUR OWN WORK BUT WE WERE ABLE ALSO TO LEARN OF
IMPORTANT SOVIET ADVANCES IN ORE PROCESSING. WE BELIEVE
THAT FUTURE CONTACTS WILL BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH
COUNTRIES.

3. JANUARY 12, 1976 LETTER FOLLOWS: WITH REGARD TO CONTIN-
UING SOVIET-U.S. COOPERATION IN NON-FERROUS METALLURGY, I
BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF WE ARRANGE THIS
ON A DIFFERENT BASIS FROM THAT DISCUSSED IN YOUR OFFICE.
DIRECT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE TIME-CONSUM-
ING AND COULD DELAY THE START OF SUCH COOPERATION. I HAVE,
THEREFORE, TAKEN STEPS TO INITIATE EXCHANGES THROUGH OUR
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AND PETROLEUM ENGINEERS), WHICH IS A PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY
WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES ALMOST ALL MINING AND METALLURGI-
CAL ENGINEERS IN THE U.S. THE COUNTERPART ORGANIZATION IN
THE U.S.S.R. WOULD BE OF YOUR SELECTION. POSSIBLY INSTI-
TUTES SUCH AS MEKANOBRA AND GHIZVETMET WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD AN INFORMAL MEETING OF A
PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MARCH WHEN WE HOPE A SOVIET GROUP
WILL BE IN ARIZONA AS DISCUSSED BELOW.

WITH RESPECT TO THIS VISIT, YOU SHOULD PLAN FOR A SEMINAR IN TUCSON, ARIZONA, FOLLOWED BY FIELD TRIPS TO COPPER OPERATIONS. AT THE SEMINAR, IT WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST HERE TO HAVE REVIEWS OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET

NON-FERROUS METALLURGY, SIMILAR TO THOSE OUR GROUP ENJOYED AT GHIZVETMET AND MEKANOB. THE FIELD TRIPS WOULD BE AS DESCRIBED IN MY FIRST LETTER OF DECEMBER 22. IN ADDITION, VISITS TO SEVERAL U.S. BUREAU OF MINES STATIONS WILL BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE WASHINGTON OFFICE.

BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE DELAYS IN PLANNING DUE TO THE NEED FOR SPECIAL PERMISSION TO VISIT THE LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AREA, WE ARE NOT INCLUDING THE AIME MEETING THERE IN THE ITINERARY. THE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED WOULD BE SMALL COMPARED TO THOSE FROM THE ARIZONA VISIT. WE WILL OBTAIN COPIES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON COPPER METALLURGY FOR YOUR GROUP, AS WELL AS COPIES OF OTHER PAPERS OF INTEREST.

SINCE CLEARANCE FOR THE VISIT TO ARIZONA HAS NOW BEEN OBTAINED, I TRUST THAT YOU ARE PROCEEDING WITH VISA

APPLICATIONS FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE INCLUDED. MAY I SUGGEST THAT AN INTERPRETER BE A MEMBER OF THE GROUP, SINCE WE DO NOT HAVE THIS CAPABILITY IN ARIZONA. SISCO

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